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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/698,924; Filed: October 31, 2003

For: Novel Cyclic Phosphate Diesters of 1,3-Propane-1-Aryl Diols and Their

**Use In Preparing Prodrugs** 

Inventors:

REDDY et al.

Our Ref:

2358.0180003/RWE/AES

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Filing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
- 2. One (1) page of Form PTO/SB08A citing one (1) document;
- 3. One (1) page of Form PTO/SB/08B citing one (1) document;
- 4. A copy of the one (1) cited document (NPL20); and
- 5. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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## Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Filing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering in this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of Applicants' Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 4, 2006 in connection with the above-captioned application.

A copy of document NPL20 is submitted. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of document US4, a U.S. patent application cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A, is not submitted.

In accordance with the recent Federal Circuit decision in Dayco Prods., Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc. 329 F.3d 1358 (Fed. Cir. 2003), Applicants submit herewith the following Office Action, which is directed to related technical subject matter:

Office Action for related U.S. Patent Application No. 11/145,194, inventors Erion, M., et al., filed June 3, 2005, mailed March 24, 2006, cited herein as document NPL20.

The identification of this Office Action is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached IDS Forms based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return copies of the enclosed IDS Forms, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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